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TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER RESPONDS TO KISSINGER SPEECH

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(TEXT) MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IHSAN SABRI CAGLAYANGIL STATED THAT TURKEY CANNOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR FAILING TO PERFORM ITS OBLIGATIONS IN PROTECTING THE COMMON INTERESTS IN TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

CAGLAYANGIL WAS RESPONDING TO AN ANATOLIA AGENCY CORRESPONDENT'S QUESTIONS ABOUT THE STATEMENT MADE BY KISSINGER YESTERDAY. IN A SPEECH HE MADE IN GEORGIA YESTERDAY, KISSINGER SAID THAT NO COUNTRY SHOULD BELIEVE THAT IT WAS DOING THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA A FAVOR BY REMAINING IN THE SAME ALLIANCE WITH IT AND HAD ADDED: ANY ALLY WHOSE JUDGEMENT OF ITS OWN NATIONAL INTERESTS HAS CHANGED WILL FIND US READY FOR THE AMENDMENT OR CHANGING OF CURRENT TREATY RELATIONS. NO ALLY CAN KEEP US UNDER PRESSURE THROUGH THREATS THAT THESE RELATIONS WILL BE TERMINATED. WE CANNOT ACCEPT THAT ITS RELATIONS WILL BE TERMINATED. WE CANNOT ACCEPT THAT ITS SECURITY IS MORE IMPORTANT FOR US THAN IT IS FOR ITSELF.

IN EXPRESSING HIS VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT CAGLAYANGIL SAID THAT KISSINGER ALSO HAD THE FOLLOWING TO SAY ON THE SAME SUBJECT: IN OUR POLITICAL RELATIONS WE AND OUR ALLIES HAVE JOINT COMMITMENTS TO PROTECTING COMMON INTERESTS. WE ARE EXTENDING AID TO THE DEFENSE OF OTHERS FOR OUR COMMON INTERESTS AND NOT AS AN ACT OF BENEVOLENCE. IN OUR VIEW, HALTING MILITARY AID AND EVEN SUSPENDING MILITARY SALES TO AN ALLY IS IN FACT A SELF-DESTRUCTIVE ACTION.

IT BECOMES OBVIOUS FROM THIS STATEMENT THAT DR KISSINGER FIRST MADE A GENERAL REVIEW OF RELATIONS WITH ALLIES AND A SEPAR

IZ ANALYSIS OF TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

CAGLAYANGIL DESCRIBED KISSINGER'S ANALYSIS OF TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS AS FOLLOWS: KISSINGER'S ANALYSIS IS THIS, WE ARE THUS WEAKENING OUR POLITICAL TIES, ENDANGERING OUR COMMON DEFENSE, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME FAILING TO MATERIALIZE THE OBJECTIVE EXPECTED FROM THE SUSPENSION OF THE AID. THEREFORE, PRESIDENT FORD STRONGLY OPPOSED CONGRESS' DECISION TO HALT MILITARY AID TO TURKEY AND THE PRESIDENT IS CURRENTLY WORKING CLOSELY WITH CONGRE

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AID TO TURKEY AND THE PRESIDENT IS CURRENTLY WORKING CLOSELY WITH CONGRESS FOR THE SPEEDY CORRECTION OF THIS DECISION.

THERE ARE THE FUNDAMENTAL VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. IT IS ONLY PLEASING THAT DR KISSINGER TOOK THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONFIRM THESE VIEWS ONCE MORE.

CAGLAYANGIL STATED THAT, HAVING TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION THE LATEST SPEECH DELIVERED BY KISSINGER IN ATLANTA, THIS IS HIS ASSESSMENT ON KISSINGER'S STATEMENT. CAGLAYANGIL ALSO RECALLED THAT IN HIS STATEMENT KISSINGER HAD STATED THAT HE WAS EXPRESSING GENERAL OBSERVATIONS FOR ALL ALLIES AND DID NOT IMPLY ANY ONE COUNTRY.

CAGLAYANGIL CONCLUDED: AS FOR YOUR QUESTION WHICH SUMS UP THE REMARKS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN PUT FORTH BY DR KISSINGER, IT IS QUITE NATURAL THAT THESE OBSERVATIONS WILL NOT BE VALID IN THE CASE OF TURKEY SINCE TURKEY IS NOT THE SIDE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BREACH OF THE OBLIGATIONS REGARDING THE MAINTENANCE OF THE COMMON INTERESTS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

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